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1. WE BELIEVE A FOUR-NATION TEAM VISIT TO THE US WOULD SERVE OUR INTERESTS, ESPECIALLY SINCE IT WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF COMMITTING BELGIUM, CURRENTLY THE ONLY ONE OF THE FOUR LEANING TOWARD A MIRAGE PURCHASE, TO A COMMON DECISION ON REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT FOR THE F-104G.

2. WE INTERPRET REFTTEL TO MEAN THAT THE TEAM WOULD WANT TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH GOVERNMENTAL AS WELL AS INDUSTRY OFFICIALS. WITH RESPECT TO THE LATTER, WE

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NOTE THAT GENERAL STOKLA MENTIONED ONLY GENERAL

DYNAMICS AND NORTHROP. WE BELIEVE THAT THE TEAM
SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO EXAMINE THE PROPOSALS OF ALL
US FIRMS THAT THE POTENTIAL PURCHASERS HAVE NOT FORMALLY
ELIMINATED FROM THE COMPETITION BY THE TIME OF THE VISIT.
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